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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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DAILY REPORT

31st
Legislative
Day

House Budget & Research Office
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- The House will reconvene for its 32nd Legislative Day on Monday, March 13 at 10:00 a.m.
- Two bills / resolutions are expected to be debated on the floor.

Today on the Floor

Rules Calendar

HB 19 General appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Bill Summary: HB 19, the Fiscal Year 2024 budget, is set by a revenue estimate of \$32.4 billion. This is a 7.4 percent increase, or \$2.2 billion, over the original Fiscal Year 2023 budget. The bill and tracking sheet may be found on the House Budget and Research Office [website](#).

Authored By: Rep. Jon Burns (159th)
House Appropriations
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 167 Nays: 1

Rule Applied: Modified-Open
Committee 03-08-2023 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

Local Calendar

HB 542 Sunny Side, City of; repeal Act to incorporate; transfer duties and obligations to Spalding County

Bill Summary: HB 542 repeals an Act to incorporate the City of Sunnyside.

Authored By: Rep. Karen Mathiak (74th)
House Intragovernmental Coordination -
Committee: Local
Floor Vote: Yeas: 157 Nays: 0

Rule Applied:
Committee 03-08-2023 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 587 Rabun County; Board of Education; change description of districts

Bill Summary: HB 587 changes the Board of Education Districts for Rabun County.

Authored By: Rep. Victor Anderson (10th)
House Intragovernmental Coordination -
Committee: Local
Floor Vote: Yeas: 157 Nays: 0

Rule Applied:
Committee 03-08-2023 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HB 609 Taylor County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts

Bill Summary: HB 609 changes the Board of Commissioner districts for Taylor County.

Authored By: Rep. Patty Bentley (150th)
House Intragovernmental Coordination -
Committee: Local
Floor Vote: Yeas: 157 Nays: 0

Rule Applied:
Committee 03-08-2023 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HB 610 Taylor County; Board of Education; change description of districts

Bill Summary: HB 610 changes the Board of Education districts of Taylor County.

Authored By: Rep. Patty Bentley (150th)
House Intragovernmental Coordination -
Committee: Local
Floor Vote: Yeas: 157 Nays: 0

Rule Applied:
Committee 03-08-2023 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HB 619 Cook County; Board of Education; compensation of members; change provision

Bill Summary: HB 619 revises the compensation of the members of the Board of Education of Cook County.

Authored By: Rep. Penny Houston (170th)
House Intragovernmental Coordination -
Committee: Local
Floor Vote: Yeas: 157 Nays: 0

Rule Applied:
Committee 03-08-2023 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HB 622 Bartow County; ad valorem tax; increase homestead exemption to \$15,000.00

Bill Summary: HB 622 increases a homestead exemption from certain Bartow County ad valorem taxes from \$5,000 to \$15,000.

Authored By: Rep. Matthew Gambill (15th)
House Intragovernmental Coordination -
Committee: Local
Floor Vote: Yeas: 157 Nays: 0

Rule Applied:
Committee 03-08-2023 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HB 632 Decatur, City of; ad valorem tax; municipal purposes; modify homestead exemption

Bill Summary: House bill 632 increases a homestead exemption from City of Decatur ad valorem taxes to \$40,000.

Authored By: Rep. Omari Crawford (84th)
House Intragovernmental Coordination -
Committee: Local
Floor Vote: Yeas: 157 Nays: 0

Rule Applied:
Committee 03-08-2023 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HB 633 Decatur, City of; ad valorem tax; modify homestead exemption

Bill Summary: HB 633 increases a homestead exemption from City of Decatur ad valorem taxes from \$10,000 to \$15,000 for residents who are 65 years or older.

Authored By: Rep. Omari Crawford (84th)
House Intragovernmental Coordination -
Committee: Local
Floor Vote: Yeas: 157 Nays: 0

Rule Applied:
Committee 03-08-2023 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HB 634 Decatur, City of; ad valorem tax; municipal purposes; provide new homestead exemption

Bill Summary: HB 634 provides a homestead exemption from City of Decatur ad valorem taxes in the amount of \$40,000 for certain residents.

Authored By: Rep. Omari Crawford (84th)
House Intragovernmental Coordination -
Committee: Local
Floor Vote: Yeas: 157 Nays: 0

Rule Applied:
Committee 03-08-2023 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HB 635 Decatur, City of; ad valorem tax; homestead exemption; increase assessed value

Bill Summary: HB 635 increases a homestead exemption from City of Decatur ad valorem taxes to \$25,000 for residents who are 62 years or older and whose income does not exceed \$60,000.

Authored By:	Rep. Omari Crawford (84th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	03-08-2023 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 157 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 645 Sylvester, City of; municipal court; levy and collect a technology fee

Bill Summary: HB 645 authorizes a technology fee by the municipal court of the City of Sylvester.

Authored By:	Rep. Bill Yearta (152nd)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	03-08-2023 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 157 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 649 Floyd County; Board of Education; provide compensation of members

Bill Summary: HB 649 revises the compensation of the board of education for Floyd County.

Authored By:	Rep. Katie Dempsey (13th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	03-08-2023 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 157 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 671 Sugar Hill, City of; ad valorem tax; increase homestead exemption to \$10,000.00

Bill Summary: HB 671 increases a homestead exemption from City of Sugar Hill ad valorem taxes from \$2,000 to \$10,000 for residents who are 65 years or older.

Authored By:	Rep. Matt Reeves (99th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	03-08-2023 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 157 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 672 Sugar Hill, City of; ad valorem tax; increase homestead exemption to \$10,000.00

Bill Summary: HB 672 increases a homestead exemption from City of Sugar Hill ad valorem taxes from \$2,000 to \$10,000 for all residents, excluding land in excess of one acre.

Authored By:	Rep. Matt Reeves (99th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	03-08-2023 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 157 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 673 Sugar Hill, City of; ad valorem tax; provide homestead exemption

Bill Summary: HB 673 provides a homestead exemption from City of Sugar Hill ad valorem taxes in the amount of \$10,000 for residents whose income does not exceed \$10,000 annually, and are disabled or 62 years or older.

Authored By:	Rep. Matt Reeves (99th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	03-08-2023 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 157 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

Next on the Floor from the Committee on Rules

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 32nd Legislative Day, Monday, March 13, and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker.

SB 21 Georgia Veterans Service Foundation, Inc.; revise operations

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 21 revises provisions related to the Georgia Veterans Service Foundation by expanding the number of board directors from seven people to a range of seven to 13 people and specifying that at least four of the members have served a certain amount of time in the armed forces or National Guard or reserves. SB 21 reduces the term of members from seven years to three years and increases the meeting frequency from annually to quarterly. Lastly, the bill allows the commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services to appoint a chief executive officer.

Authored By: Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)
House Defense & Veterans Affairs
Committee:

Rule Applied: Modified-Open
Committee 02-21-2023 Do Pass
Action:

SB 23 O.C.G.A.; various titles; revise a committee name; relating to inactive boards, panels, authorities, centers, commissions, committees, councils, task forces, and other such bodies; provisions; repeal

Bill Summary: SB 23 amends the Code by revising committee names and authority titles while repealing specific inactive authorities, committees, advisory councils, offices, and commissions. The bill specifies how assets of certain entities are devolved following repeal. Language relating to prefiling of legislation is repealed.

Authored By: Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)
House Code Revision
Committee:

Rule Applied: Modified-Open
Committee 02-22-2023 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute

Committee Actions

Bills passing committees are reported to the Clerk's Office and are placed on the General Calendar.

Governmental Affairs Committee

SB 3 "Reducing Barriers to State Employment Act of 2023"; enact

Bill Summary: SB 3 creates the 'Reducing Barriers to State Employment Act of 2023'. The act requires the Department of Administrative Services to regularly assess and reduce, when possible, the requirements for jobs within state government.

Authored By: Sen. John Albers (56th)
House Governmental Affairs
Committee:

Committee 03-09-2023 Do Pass
Action:

SB 116 Disposition of Municipal Property; the maximum term of certain leases or contracts for the use of property owned by a municipality for recreational facilities; provisions

Bill Summary: SB 116 requires that municipal leases related to the operation of an arena, sports field, stadium, or other recreational facility must not exceed 20 years, and are not subject to renewal. Such leases must be subject to bids or auction after the initial lease expires.

Authored By: Sen. Ben Watson (1st)
House Governmental Affairs
Committee:

Committee 03-09-2023 Do Pass
Action:

SB 136 Impact Fees; required revenue source for a development project involving workforce housing; modify

Bill Summary: SB 136 provides for the possible exemption of municipal or county development impact fee ordinances on development projects that create workforce housing.

Authored By: Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
House Governmental Affairs
Committee:

Committee 03-09-2023 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute

SB 145 "Landscape Equipment and Agricultural Fairness (LEAF) Act"; enact

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 145 establishes the 'Landscape Equipment and Agricultural Fairness (LEAF) Act', which prohibits local prohibitions or regulations that distinguish or create differing standards for gasoline-powered leaf blowers from any other gasoline-powered, electric, or other type of leaf blower.

Authored By: Sen. Shawn Still (48th)
House Governmental Affairs
Committee:

Committee 03-09-2023 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute

Motor Vehicles Committee

HR 184 Georgia's self-service gasoline station owners and operators; policies to better assist disabled or mobility-impaired individuals; urge

Bill Summary: HR 184 urges owners and operators of self-service gas stations to create procedures to aid disabled or mobility-impaired individuals who cannot dispense their own gas.

Authored By: Rep. Kim Schofield (63rd)
House Motor Vehicles
Committee:

Committee 03-09-2023 Do Pass
Action:

HR 209 House Study Committee on Motor Vehicle Crash Fatality Rates; create

Bill Summary: HR 209 creates the House Study Committee on Motor Vehicle Crash Fatality Rates. The study committee is composed of five members of the House of Representatives and will be abolished on December 1, 2023.

Authored By: Rep. John Carson (46th)
House Committee: Motor Vehicles

Committee Action: 03-09-2023 Do Pass

SB 120 Motor Carriers; the reference date to federal regulations regarding the safe operation of motor carriers and commercial motor vehicles; update

Bill Summary: SB 120 updates the 'Uniform Carriers Act' to change the effective date to January 1, 2023, to comply with federal law.

Authored By: Sen. Shelly Echols (49th)
House Committee: Motor Vehicles

Committee Action: 03-09-2023 Do Pass

SB 217 "Eliminating Ghost Plates Act"; enact

Bill Summary: SB 217 provides a penalty for the obstruction or misrepresentation of a vehicle's license plate. A first offense will receive a fine of \$250 unless an individual shows to the court the obstruction or misrepresentation has been removed. Such fine shall not exceed \$25. The penalty for a second offense is \$500. A third or subsequent offense will receive a fine no less than \$750 and imprisonment of no less than 15 days. Any additional offenses may result in the forfeiture of the vehicle.

The bill provides procedures for the commissioner to revoke and seize license plates or renewal decals for a vehicle with offenses relating to a fraudulent license plate.

Authored By: Sen. John Albers (56th)
House Committee: Motor Vehicles

Committee Action: 03-09-2023 Do Pass

Public Health Committee**SB 46 Control of Sexually Transmitted Disease; physicians and healthcare providers to test all pregnant women for HIV and syphilis at the first prenatal visit, at 28–32 weeks' gestation, and at delivery; require**

Bill Summary: SB 46 requires that a pregnant woman be tested for HIV and syphilis by their prenatal provider at their first prenatal visit, at 28-32 weeks gestation, and at delivery. The patient will have the option to opt out of such testing.

Authored By: Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
House Committee: Public Health

Committee Action: 03-09-2023 Do Pass

Committee Meeting Schedule

*This meeting schedule is up to date at the time of this report, but meeting dates and times are subject to change.
To keep up with the latest schedule, please visit www.legis.ga.gov to view all upcoming events.*

Monday - March 13, 2023

8:00 AM	SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (House)	506 CLOB	VIDEO Agenda
9:00 AM	RULES COMMITTEE (House)	341 CAP	VIDEO Agenda
10:00 AM	FLOOR SESSION (LD 32) (House)	House Chamber	VIDEO
1:00 PM	Judiciary Non-Civil Leverett Subcommittee (House)	132 CAP	VIDEO Agenda
2:00 PM	HEALTH COMMITTEE (House)	403 CAP	VIDEO Agenda
2:00 PM	BANKS & BANKING COMMITTEE (House)	606 CLOB	VIDEO Agenda
2:00 PM	TECHNOLOGY & INFRASTRUCTURE INNOVATION COMMITTEE (House)	406 CLOB	VIDEO